MINUTES

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Present: Sue Thomas, Chair, Phil Fichandler, Carol Phillips, Nora Stevens, Ray Moore, Mary Thatcher, Phil Secker, Bob Gouldsbrough, Carol McMillan, Beth Acebo, Elizabeth Norris, Staff: Jean Ann Kenny, Matt Hart, and Marilyn Gerling.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** Elizabeth Norris agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.
- III. **Minutes:** The minutes for the June 10, 2002 were approved.
- IV. Communications:
 - A. Information on Seniors & Law, October 4, 2002.
 - B. A letter of resignation from Curt Hoffman has been received.

V. Optional Reports:

- A. Publicity in Sparks and Chronicle elicited a response of about 25 J. Kenny;
- B. Response to exercise program good J. Kenny;
- C. Mansfield Nursing & Rehabilitation prices have gone up \$20.00 per day –J. Kenny;
- D. Senior Center M. Gerling reported: that there are two excellent women working in the kitchen;

Bazaar to be September 29 - 9:00-2:00;

- E. Beth Acebo of Juniper Hill was welcomed;
- F. Ralph Gouldsbrough of Jensens wants to have a building certified as a shelter:
- G. M. Thatcher reported that the Committee on Needs of Persons with Disabilities has not met:
- H. R. Moore says the Recreation Center should be closed in by cold weather with a possible July 2003 opening. Many operations details to be worked out:
- M. Hart reported that 10-12 candidates for Director of Social Services are to be interviewed in October with the possibility of a replacement being named by the middle of the month;
- Jean Ann Kenny is acting as staff liaison for the committee in the interim;
 N. Stevens for the Nominating Committee;
 P. Fichandler has agreed to stay on;
 Barbara Iray was nominated, dependent upon her acceptance

- from the Committee on Committees, to replace Curt Hoffman. If she refuses, the letter will not be sent; and
- K. N. Sevens has contacted Coventry about how their cell phone program is working. No down side so far.

VI. New Business:

- A. October should choose regional agencies for reviewing applications for funding:
- B. November should be receiving application requests from regional agencies;
- C. December review and discuss application requests; and
- D. January should make recommendations to Town Manager of regional agencies applications for funding.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2002, 2:30 PM, Mansfield Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Norris, Secretary Pro Tem